

Preliminary School List: Occupational Therapy

1. **Geography:** Where in the US have you spend significant time in the past (growing up, vacations, internships, etc.)? In what areas do you have personal ties? Are there other location factors that you're considering in your application (urban/rural, access to certain patient populations, cultural diversity, other opportunities)?

2. **Mission:** Which mission statement is most appealing to you and why?
 - a. *X's Program in Occupational Therapy will lead in advancing human health by enhancing people's participation in everyday life activities through evidence-based practice, innovative research, and the education of tomorrow's leaders in occupational therapy and rehabilitation. In advancing human health through participation, the Program in OT will:*
 - i. *Bridge between biomedical and sociocultural health at the person, community and population levels.*
 - ii. *Cultivate excellence, interdisciplinary collegiality and diversity*
 - iii. *Strive for integration between practice, research and education initiatives*
 - iv. *Develop and maintain excellent clinical and community programs*
 - v. *Support research programs that generate new knowledge about participation within the basic, applied and clinical sciences*
 - vi. *Deliver an integrated curriculum that prepares students for current and emerging areas of practice*

 - b. *The School of Occupational Therapy provides comprehensive graduate education within a Christian, learning environment to enable students from diverse backgrounds to positively impact the community at large and enhance the human condition through appreciation of diversity, problem-solving and the utility of meaningful and purposeful occupations.*

- c. *The College of Applied Health Sciences is a socially conscious, research-intensive academic community whose mission is to broaden understanding of applied health sciences and disability. We strive to identify and meet the health needs of our society and pursue our mission by:

 - i. *Educating health professionals and scholars who excel in a complex, multicultural world*
 - ii. *Discovering and translating new knowledge that transforms health care practice, social systems and relate technologies for the benefit of individuals, families and communities*
 - iii. *Collaborating with our urban community partners in mutually beneficial ways*
 - iv. *Providing health services of the highest quality with emphasis on eliminating health disparities affecting individuals and communities*
 - v. *Advocating for public policies, perceptions and practices that lead to the inclusion and participation of people with disabilities in society**
3. **Focus:** If you were to pursue a specialty area/certification post OT school, which of these would be of the greatest interest. This is not an exhaustive list.
- a. Gerontology
 - b. Mental Health
 - c. Pediatrics
 - d. School Systems
 - e. Physical Rehab
4. Are there student organizations/activities that you seek in OT school (religious, cultural, music/arts, service, athletic, social)?
5. Are there factors guiding your school selection (location, mission, cost, experience, etc.)?
6. List 5 schools that you plan to apply to